5(23)/1/94-D&A.I. dated the 22nd March 1994 to the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India, New Delhi for appraisal of the project report for the setting up of "Growth Centre" at Niklok-Ngorlung district, East Siang in Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay on the part of the ICIC to provide appraisal of the project report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ICICI has made some preliminary observation and sought clarifications. The same have been conveyed to the State Government. The Department of Industrial Development has been pursuing with ICICI & the State Government, to expedite project clearance.

**Sale of property of TAFCO**

2611. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large chunk of immovable properties of Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited was put on sale by auction by concerned Municipal Authorities of the State.

(b) whether the State had claimed before putting up the sale by auction under fictitious land revenue deals or municipal taxes;

(c) whether Government or TAFCO management have not taken any effective steps to protect the properties;

(d) whether Government would direct the company to adopt all measures to protect the properties from being sold out or attached and settle the fictitious claims of the concerned municipality of local self Government once for all; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) and (b) Some immovable property was sought to be auctioned by the Kanpur Nagar Mahapalika for non-payment of Municipal taxes claimed by them.

(c) to (e) TAFCO management and Government had taken immediate remedial steps against the proposed auction.

**Assistance provided for sick industries in Gujarat and Maharashtra**

2612. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Industrial units in Gujarat and Maharashtra which are lying closed at present, district-wise;

(b) whether Industrial Development Bank of India and other Banks have proposed to provide financial assistance to these units;

(c) whether State Governments have requested the Central Government to provide Central assistance for re-operating these units;

(d) if so, the amount of assistance that Central Government have agreed to provide for this purpose; and

(e) by when these industial units are likely to operate ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHAN SAHI) : (a) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country is compiled by the Reserve Bank of India, which it furnishes to Government in its half-yearly reports. The Reserve Bank of India does not furnish information with regard to closed industrial units. However, it has provided data regarding sick/weak industrial units in the non-small sector which were reported closed as at the end of September 1992 (latest available), in the State of Maharashtra and Gujarat. District-wise details are at Statement. (*See* below).

(b) to (e) Banks and financial institutions formulate rehabilitation packages in respect of sick/weak units considered potentially viable in terms of detailed guidelines issued by th Reserve Bank of India. Industrial Development Bank of India and other financial institutions and banks which have already extended credit to sick/weak units, continue to participate in the rehabilitation schemes, whenever the unit is found